

SOMB Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the Sex Offender Management Board was called to order on May 19, 2011. Illinois Department of Corrections (DOC), via videoconferencing, in Chicago and Springfield, Illinois. Chairperson Cara Smith was unable to attend the meeting. Board member Alyssa Schafer called the meeting to order.

PRESENT:

Member(s):

Chicago: Amy Campanelli, Lisa Stephens, Steve Goytia, Jerry Isikoff, Verlin Meinz, Harry Reed, Robin McGinnis

Springfield: Carol Corgan, Sheryl Essenburg, Alyssa Schafer, Dick Winkler

Non-Member(s):

Alesia Crockett (Attorney General's Office), Amanda Lundeen (Attorney General's Office), Walt Teichen, Catherine Greisch, Craig Adams (Illinois Voices), Laurie Jo Reynolds (Sorors Justice Fellow), Tazewell County Representative, Nicole Chapen (Illinois Voices)

ABSENT:

Member(s):

Excused: Cara Smith, Mike Bednarz, Shauna Boliker, Tracie Newton, Mickie Owens, Patti Sudendorf, Dustin Sutton, Abdi Tinwalla

Unexcused: Pat Delfino, B. Kent Jones

A. Welcome/Roll Call

B. Review of Meeting Minutes: March 17, 2011

A motion was made by Robin McGinnis and seconded by Amy Campanelli to approve the minutes for the March 17, 2011 meeting. All Board members present approved the motion.

C. Presentation and Discussion: Open Meeting Act Training

At the March 17, 2011 SOMB meeting Alesia Crockett, the FOIA representative for the Board, suggested each member complete the online Open Meeting Act (OMA) training prior to the next meeting. The training is available through the Illinois Attorney General's website at <http://foia.ilattorneygeneral.net/default.aspx>.

Amanda Lundeen, Assistant Attorney General, with the Illinois Attorney General's Public Access Bureau was invited by the Board to provide an overview of the OMA and answer any questions regarding the training. Amanda discussed various topics which included quorums, open v. closed meetings and rules regarding limitations on public comments. A copy of the frequently asked questions developed by the Public Access Bureau was distributed to the members via email prior to the meeting and is accessible through the website.

D. Presentation: University of Illinois-Springfield (UIS) Grant – November 2010 Training Evaluation Results

UIS sponsored a training entitled “Supervision Of Sex Offenders In The Community” Tom Ambrose and Dave Gruenenfelder from UIS presented the results of the three-day training held November 8-10, 2010 in Bloomington, Illinois. There were a total of 183 attendees, 13 represented law enforcement, 16 Parole, 94 Probation and 60 treatment providers. Overall, the training was well received. A copy of the results was distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. The training was made possible through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice

E. Discussion: A Reasoned Approach: Reshaping Sex Offender Policy to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

Robin McGinnis thought it was an excellent document for the Board to read. It is a useful tool in assisting with shaping policy within the state to address this issue. The report is available through the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. A copy of the report was sent via email to the Board prior to the meeting.

F. Legislative Update: SB0265

The Board discussed SB0265 which would reduce the membership of the Board. The following members would be eliminated: one Attorney General appointed Mental Health Provider, the Illinois-ATSA representative, Principal’s Association representative and the representative from the Polygraph Association. The bill was sponsored by Senator Kwame Rauoul and becomes effective January 1, 2012.

The Board discussed how the loss of these four members would impact the work of the Board. Robin McGinnis agreed to reach out to the Senator’s office to obtain more information on the bill. Steve Goytia added that he will reach out to Illinois Probation and Court Service Association (IPCSA) for clarity. He believes this bill had input from IPCSA because they wanted to have a say in determining who would represent probation on the Board. Then they would make a recommendation to the Governor’s office before an appointment is made.

A motion was made to request an amendatory veto of SB0265 to the Governor’s office. Robin McGinnis made the motion and it was seconded by Verlin Meinz. All members present were unable to agree if an amendatory veto was the answer. However, did agree to hold an emergency phone conference on May 26, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the bill and how the Board would like to proceed. Alesia Crockett will send an email with the conference call details to all the members after the meeting.

G. Report: Illinois Probation and Court Services Association

Alyssa Schafer reported there was a good turnout for the Conference held on April 27-29, 2011 in Fairview Heights, Illinois. Alyssa and Tracie Newton discussed legislation and registration. Dr. Mike Bednarz covered the containment model. Dr. Abdi Tinwalla presented information on Psychopharmacology.

H. Task Force – Committees Reports

Standards and Guidelines & Research

No report.

Quality Assurance of Providers & Ethics and Conflict of Interest

Harry Reed stated the Committee met on May 17, 2011 via conference call regarding the Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Alyssa Schafer agreed to assist them with the RFP.

A motion was made by Verlin Mainz and seconded by Steve Goytia to approve the minutes for the May 17, 2011 Quality Assurance of Provider & Ethics and Conflict of Interest Committee meeting. All Board members present approved the motion.

Funding

Alesia Crockett reported as of May 17, 2011 the Fund balance was \$62,045.56. Program account (reimbursements to locals) = \$43,472.53; and Operations account (travel, training, postage, etc.) = \$18,573.03.

Appointment

No report.

Legislative

Amy Campanelli discussed the letter they would like to distribute to members of the legislature that discusses the Board, its roll and provides the names of all the members. It was suggested that the letter should clarify who, on the Board, should be contacted if they have questions or concerns.

I. New Business

Rules

Carol Corgan suggested the Board take a look at developing and establishing rules to address electronic communications and public comments. Members agreed this would be a good assignment for the Standards and Guidelines Committee.

Visitor Comment

Walt Teichen attended the meeting it hopes to discuss his concerns regarding the evaluation process, the use of SOMB Approved Providers and his son's evaluation who is currently incarcerated at Taylorville Correctional Center. However, he stated that he spoke with IDOC staff prior to the meeting and his issue regarding his son's evaluation had been resolved. Mr. Teichen suggested that the Board research CoSA or Circle of Support and Accountability. He states it has been successful implemented in other states.

J. Next Meeting: July 21, 2011, Illinois State Police, Pontiac, Illinois

K. Adjournment